

**JAMES FLANAGAN ✓**  
**PROPERTY LOSS DEPT.**

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

REPORT OF: ☒ PHONE CALL  
☐ VISIT

DATE 5/12, 5/17, 5/18

REFERRED TO \_\_\_\_\_

TIME various

BUREAU OR OFFICE BRA-B&J

FILE CFN/CFS

PERSON CONTACTED numerous PHONE NO. various

AFFILIATION/ADDRESS NJDEP

SUBJECT OF CALL/VISIT LIGHTNING / TANK COLLAPSE (IN GROUND)

SUMMARY OF CALL/VISIT \_\_\_\_\_

MIKE NYSTROM, DWR, NO. - 201-299-7592 - no record of incident

GARY PEARSON, DWM, NO. - 201-299-7570 - " " "

AL KAZORSKI - 2-7019 - no recollection " "

JOHN CASTNER - 2-6724 - " "

↳ (cinder block footings are present as part of a leachate (old put in in 1975) system; John inspected in 1977-78; if an inground fuel oil tank was onsite it would not show up on the engineering drawing for the site.

JUNE EDWARDS - 426-0791 - no recollection; she advised that a report would be in the file if she responded/uninvestigated

PAT FERRARO - 426-0791 - no recollection.

ACTION RECOMMENDED advise John D.

E. M. Peterson  
Signature

# MEMO

TO: - Gary Molchan

DATE: - March 19, 1981

FROM: - Howard S. Ader

RE: - 8/26/80 Loss

Per previous discussions, please submit all documentation which supports the contention that lightning was the cause of the loss.

The sooner this is received, the sooner we will be able to proceed to settle this claim.



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COMBE FILL CORPORATION



COMBUSTION EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATES INC. & SUBSIDIARIES

GAB Business Services Inc  
10 Park Place  
P O Box 266M  
Morristown New Jersey 07960  
Telephone (201) 538-7700

Branch Office

March 11, 1981

**GAB**

Combe Fill Corporation  
P.O. Box 418  
Chester, N.J. 07930

ATTN: Mr. Gary Molchan  
Reference: Loss of 08-26-80  
File number: 10926-46193

Dear Mr. Molchan;

In order for your insurance company to make a decision in regards to your claim it will be necessary for you to have the involved collecting tanks excavated and made available in order for engineer to make inspection of same.

We will at this time await your advisement as to when the tanks are made available for inspection.

Thankyou for your consideration in this matter.

  
S. R. Marchello

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February 10th, 1981

Mr. Howard S. Ader  
Insurance Manager  
Combustion Equipment Associates, Inc.  
555 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Ader:

Re: Our Loss No. 63684-FL  
(Combe Fill Corporation)  
Lightning - 8/26/80  
Loc: Parker Road  
Chester, New Jersey

As per our telephone conversation on January 30th, 1981, we have contacted Mr. Michael Iacovella, GAB Business Services, Inc., concerning the status of the captioned occurrence. Mr. Iacovella has advised that he recently received a report from Mr. Joseph Ross, P.E., Ross Associates, that indicates no evidence of lightning being involved in this loss.

We note that a memo dated September 11th, 1980 from Mr. Gary A. Molchan to Mr. Charles J. McDonald indicates a determination was made that lightning struck a junction box and burned out the electrical system and pumps. As a result of the pump failure the manhole and storage tank collapsed causing failure of the collection system. Please advise if an engineer retained by Combe Fill South made this determination, so that we can refute the Ross Associates report. In the event that this has not been done, we would recommend that Combustion Equipment Associates retain an expert to determine the actual cause of this loss.


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Mr. Ross indicated to the adjuster that it was his opinion that the collapse was caused by the steel tank rusting out over a period of years.

Please contact me at 482-2114 if you wish to discuss this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
JAMES FLANAGAN  
PROPERTY LOSS DEPT.

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